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D.C. Taxicab Driver Pleads Guilty to Failing to File Federal and D.C. Tax Returns

WASHINGTON - A 66-year-old taxicab driver, Vincent Gray, has pled guilty to one count of willful failure to file a federal return, and one count of willful failure to make a D.C. return, for failing to file federal or state tax returns during the years 2004-2006, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today.

Gray entered his guilty plea today before United States Magistrate Judge John M. Facciola, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. When Gray is sentenced on January 12, 2011, he faces up to one year of imprisonment on the federal charge, and 180 days on the D.C. charge. As part of his plea agreement, Gray agreed to make restitution in the amount of \$34,572 to the Internal Revenue Service.

According to the government's evidence, Gray had gross income of at least \$38,723 in 2004, at least \$67,372 in 2005, and at least \$52,763 in 2006. As such, Gray had gross income well above the minimum filing amount for each of those years. However, he failed to file any federal or D.C. returns by the filing deadlines for each of those years.

The evidence also would have shown that Gray knew very well that he was required by law to file returns, but nevertheless failed to file them. As a result, Gray owed a combined total of \$34,572 in federal and D.C. taxes for the three years in question.

The case was investigated by the Washington, D.C. Field Office of Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue and other agencies.

In announcing today's guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of Special Agent Timothy Quinn and Revenue Agent Erin Edwards of Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, and Special Agent Kevin Craddock of the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue, as well as others who worked on the case for other agencies. He also acknowledged the efforts of several U.S. Attorney's Office support staff personnel – Paralegal Specialist Diane Hayes, Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas, and SEEP Student Sierra Tate – as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Zeno, who investigated the case, and Department of Justice Tax Division attorney Sean

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Delaney, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Friedman, who handled the prosecution and obtained the plea.

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